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BLOOMFIELD, N. J., SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1891.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

POLICE DISMISSED.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTS A NEW POLICE FORCE ON MONDAY NIGHT.

For Making Sidewalks, Crosswalks and Grates Awarded to Lowest Bidders—The Question of Eight-Inch or Four-Inch Stone Discussed.

Attendance at the meeting of the township committee continues to be as it has at the last three meetings. Mr. Dodd will soon have to add to the new rooms of the committee. Last Monday evening a crowded when Chairman F. Gilbert brought his gavel to the meeting to order. Mr. of the Second Ward was the member absent at the opening of the meeting, but shortly afterwards he came to the meeting and took his seat.

Halfpenny of the special Committee on Room said that the members of the committee could see for themselves that the room had been cleaned, and painted, and that a railroad was placed across the center of the room, separating the collector's office from the meeting room; it had been to procure single desks for the members, but he thought the too great, about \$400.

Mr. said he had thought the cost of the East Orange Committee, which was provided with desks, was very good, but he now it was so expensive. He thought the special committee be to procure desks for the collector and to have a railing around the room, and to procure chairs. Carried.

Mr. moved that the members of the present police force be dismissed. "When did the members of the police force answer that last week had appointed them, and had over until they were dismissed."

Mr. said that many other towns had accounts even less than some; he was willing to Mr. Rudd's suggestion, and to take up separately and dispose of them over or shortages. Mr. took up was one in which had been charged with claiming that this was Mr. Marr had overpaid and of being short the amount of \$100.

Mr. Stevens said that he made an error. He said that he and the Mr. Wilde, would like to go over the figures, and to have the statement altered, which was done.

Mr. again laid on the township officers were working on the new system as by the Auditing Committee. The collector was instructed by the committee with a statement.

Mr. then adjourned. He said that when this matter was discussed, the township will be a collector Marr for a goodly sum of money.

Mr. township official said that the collector is charged with the fact that he should certainly be paid, and as the was but a little over \$227, error of nearly \$350 will be in Mr. Marr's favor.

Mr. of Freshford. The Board of Freeholders on Thursday afternoon, the committee recommended that \$7.02 be transferred from that to that of the township committee recommended authorized to issue one bond for \$362.48 for the use of property-owners for on various avenues in Bloomfield and Orange. They added that they be authorized to improve bond cover legal expenses of the

Mr. reported an expenditure of \$2. The analysis of the whole number by prisoners during the year, 3,580; whole number, 256; average daily number, 10 days; feeding, 8 cents per man.

Mr. of the Montclair Glee Club. Thomas Russell

he was not even acquainted with all the men nominated.

Mr. Rudd said he thought it proper to refer the matter to the Police Committee.

On motion a recess of ten minutes was had to allow the Police Committee to confer.

Mr. Cockfair moved that the men who had been named be appointed as the police force.

Mr. Rayner asked that the name of James P. be added, which was done. The appointments were then made by a unanimous vote.

On motion of Mr. Cockfair the Clerk was instructed to notify the old police to turn in their uniforms and equipments on Thursday night at the committee rooms.

On recommendation of Mr. Rudd of the Legal Committee the bond of Constable Benjamin F. Baldwin was approved.

The Committee on Street Lighting reported that they would place three lamps on Belleville Avenue and three on Lincoln Street.

The Auditing Committee stated that the cost of making seven extra typewritten copies of the expert's report would be \$25.

The Sidewalk Committee recommended that the contract for laying flag sidewalks be given to Martin J. Callahan, he being the lowest bidder at 56 cents per running foot, and that the contract for extra grading be given to Fred. Fullman, whose bid was the lowest at 25 cents per cubic yard. Adopted.

The contract for making crosswalks was awarded to N. B. Adams at 64 cents.

For road construction Shafer & McDowell's bid was the lowest for eight-inch roads and J. O'Rourke was the lowest bidder for four and six-inch roads. Mr. Cockfair of the Road Committee recommended that the bids be referred back to the two parties, and they be invited to make new bids.

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GLENWOOD AVE'S FIRE.

BLOOMFIELD'S FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOWS ITS EFFICIENCY.

Spragg's Block Burned Narrowly Escaped a Series of Explosions—Causes Much Excitement and Alarm.

The lamplighter had begun to extinguish the gaslights along Glenwood Avenue shortly before one o'clock Wednesday morning when he discovered a bright light in W. H. Huntington's store, in Arthur Spragg's block, near the D. L. & Western Railroad station, and on investigation he found the store ablaze. He hurriedly aroused John T. Griffith, who has charge of one of the keys to box 36. Mr. Griffith immediately sounded the alarm, and the bell had barely ceased ringing when Essex Hook and Ladder and Phoenix Hose Companies were on the spot.

Active Hose Company arrived ten minutes later, and at 1:20 Excelsior Hose Company had a stream playing on the burning building.

The store being filled with inflammable material, the fire spread with great rapidity. Quickly communicating to the roof, it ran in both directions, and in a few minutes the block was burning in several places. A number of explosions occurred, blowing out windows and doors.

Some of the tenants barely escaped with their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Huntington, running out half dressed, were unable to save anything. John R. Conlan, whose wife was very sick with pneumonia, wrapped a blanket around her and carried her out, while the fire was so close that it scorched his neck and ears badly. Mr. Conlan's family did not save a single article of wearing apparel.

John T. and his family, John M. and Martin Nells and their families escaped without injury, but were unable to remove any of their household goods.

The members of the fire department worked like veterans, there being no confusion, and all showing the best discipline. After an hour's hard work the firemen succeeded in getting the fire under control.

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YOUNG GIRL MISSING.

Grace Louise Bodine Disappeared on Monday Last.

Grace Louise, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Henry Bodine, residing with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Rowe on Bloomfield Avenue, next to the Berkeley School, has been missing from her home since early on Monday morning, and as yet no clue to her whereabouts has been obtained, although it is believed she is in Newark.

The girl's parents informed, Chief Hopper of her disappearance, and he has notified his men to search for her. The girl's own mother died when she was but three months old. Mr. Bodine then married Miss Hattie M. Rowe, and they moved to Brooklyn. When Grace was seven years old she came to live with her grandmother, as did also a son, who is four years older than his sister.

An INDEPENDENT reporter called at the home of Mrs. Rowe Thursday afternoon, and was told the following story by both the stepmother and grandmother:

"My girl has been led away by bad companions, and the many efforts to reform her have proved fruitless. Only a short time ago Grace was sent to the Industrial School at Williamsburgh for one year in the hope that it would make a young lady of her. Instead of becoming better, she gradually grew worse, and has been going downward ever since. Night after night the girl would remain out on the streets until midnight, and although punished time and again it had little or no effect on her."

Mrs. Bodine also said that a short time ago her mother for punishment locked her up in a room all day, giving her bread and water only, and they were shocked at the bad language she used.

It is alleged that Grace finally took to stealing, and succeeded after a long hunt in unearthing an envelope in the family bible, and had been placed there by her grandmother, and which contained a large sum of money.

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A SOLDIER'S MONUMENT.

WM. S. PIERSON POST, G. A. R. START A MOVEMENT TO ERECT ONE.

A Committee Has Been Appointed by the Post, and They Urge the Appointment of a Similar Committee of Citizens.

The subject of erecting a Soldiers' Monument to commemorate the part Bloomfield's citizens took in the War of the Rebellion is now being agitated both by the members of Wm. S. Pierson Post, G. A. R., and a number of the citizens.

All agree on one thing, it would be desirable to have a Soldiers' Monument in this town, and if every one would but a trifle, a large sum could be raised. It would seem far preferable that a Soldiers' Monument should be from the people, to the people and by the people; that rich and poor all have a hand in it, and consequently all would feel a sort of ownership in it. Nor would it be a burden on the citizens if all would unite.

An average of one dollar and a half from each inhabitant would give a sufficient amount to place a very creditable monument on some suitable spot. Already quite a number of gentlemen have signified their readiness to subscribe from \$10 to \$15 each, and no doubt many would gladly give as much, or more, towards it, and thus make up for a number who feel unable to give more than a quarter or half-dollar.

It seems as though the right time had come to erect a monument to the memory of the soldiers. A goodly number of Bloomfield boys went to the war as members of the Thirtieth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers. The survivors of this regiment have been invited to hold their reunion in Bloomfield in September next. This will make a gala-day in town. Everybody will want to be out to see the old veterans, and many will have friends here. What more fitting time to lay the corner stone of a beautiful monument dedicated to the soldiers?

The time is short, but it can be done if the Committee only set about it with a will.

To this end a fund has been started for this purpose. Let all who wish to subscribe to this object send in their subscription.

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A BLOOMFIELD WEDDING.

Beach-Brower.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the Davis Homestead on the Park, on Tuesday night, the contracting parties being Miss Augusta Louise Brower and Mr. Dwight Payson Beach of St. Louis, Mo.

Promptly at 7 o'clock the bridal party walked into the front parlors, where the ceremony was performed by the bride's brother, the Rev. Charles De Wolfe Brower of Bowagiac, Mich., assisted by the Rev. Henry W. Ballantine of the First Presbyterian Church. The bride was attired in white silk with feather trimmings. The best man was Arthur B. Davis, who also, with Wilson Lyon, acted as usher. Miss Julia Jacobs of Greenwich, Conn., a niece of the bride, and Miss Lulu Davis of Danbury, Conn., a cousin of the bride, were maids of honor, each carrying a handsome basket of flowers.

The ceremony was witnessed by the immediate relatives only.

At 8 o'clock a reception was given to the many invited guests, numbering nearly fifty.

After a bountiful repast by Caterer Davis of Orange, the newly wedded couple started on a trip, and will take up their home in St. Louis, Mo., where